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<p>REF: A. EDNA-67225, dated 17 September 1965</p> <p>B. EDNA-12444, dated 13 October 1965</p> <p>38</p> <p>1. In response to request in Ref. B, the following additional information concerning the involvement of the student body of the Police Officers School at Berlin/Charlottenburg and Fuerstenberg/Neckarsburg in SIFO and SD operations in Poland in September 1939, has been provided by alias CASTRO:</p> <p>a. The operational group engaged at the outbreak of the war in Poland in September 1939 was the so-called SIFO and SD Operational Group with the 14th Army (Einsatzgruppe s.b.V. der Polizei und SD bei der 14. Armee).</p> <p>b. This operational group was commanded by the SS-Obergruppenführer <u>Hans-Georg RASCH</u> (born 24 July 1895 in Schneiditz), and was activated on 3 September 1939. It was composed of four battalions of Ordnungspolizei under the command of the SIFO Colonel, Dr. JOHANNES and a 350-man Special SIFO Detachment under SS-Oberführer, Dr. Otto RASCH (born on 7 December 1891 in Friedrichshagen). The Special SIFO Detachment was recruited from the student body of the Police Officers School in Berlin/Charlottenburg, whose commanding officer was Brigadeführer Otto HELLER (born on 24 February 1894 in Erdhausen) as well as from the student body of the Fuerstenberg/Neckarsburg Police School, whose commanding officer was one SS-Oberführer THIERER. HELLER's Deputy at the time was Kriminalrat SKIRCHER (born on 7 June 1900 in Bam or on 14 February 1906 in Appertal).</p> <p>(continued)</p> <p>Distributions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief, Berlin - Chief, EE - Chief, CSB, Frankfurt - Chief, Hum Ops Base <p>GROUP I 32W-2-20 EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION</p>			
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c. Others who served in the Special SIPO Detachment were:

(1) ~~DR. BURTMANN~~ Fritz, born 11 Sept. 1901 in Torgelow/Pom

(2) ~~DR. BARTELS~~ Emil, born 17 Sept. 1911 in Zerbst or 2 March 1906

in Weende

(3) ~~BUCK~~ Heinrich, born 7 October 1905 in Veltheim/Weser

(4) ~~JOHNER~~ Kurt, born 25 March 1907 in Riedling

(5) ~~DR. KROGER~~ Hans, born 10 Sept. 1907 in Baumburg/Rhein

(6) ~~KROGER~~ Alfred, born 27 Sept. 1914 in Lueck

(7) ~~KUSCHEL~~ Emil, born 16 February 1902 in Schnaplitz or 11 Dec. 1902

in Danzig

(8) ~~SCHLIEDE~~ Emil, born 9 March 1896 in Viehrenbach or 25 Aug. 1913

in Konstanz

(9) ~~SCHULDT~~ Albert, born 6 May 1899 in Zeppenfeld or 15 Nov. 1918

in Allersberg

(10) ~~SPRINGHAUER~~ Heinrich, born 25 Feb. 1910 in Hirschfelde

(11) ~~STETTEL~~ Josef, born 1 June 1910 in Salzbury

(12) ~~WEIMANN~~ Emil, born 5 Aug. 1906 in Plettenberg or 1 Sept. 1909

in Seesen/Harz

(13) ~~WERTSCH~~ Theodor, born 4 Feb. 1907 in Bad Finken/Pom

(14) ~~WILKIN~~ Georg, born 30 March 1912 in Preist

(15) ~~WOLFGANG~~ Heinrich, born 1 June 1912 in Kempen/Bay

(16) ~~WORMER~~ Eugen, born 25 Dec. 1912 in Peine.

d. CASTROF has requested that the Berlin Document Center make every effort, on the basis of the additional information provided above, to provide answers to the following:

a. When and from what organizations the individuals listed above were transferred into the operational group under von WERTSCH;

b. Where and for how long they were operationally engaged in Poland and into what organizations they were assigned after serving in Poland. (Since, according to CASTROF's information, most members of the von WERTSCH Operational Group are believed to have been attached to Stapostelle Katowitz in September or October 1939, he expressed his particular interest in learning when and to what other Stapo or Kripo organizations any of the individuals listed above may have been detached or transferred after service in Stapostelle Katowitz.)

c. CASTROF states that he can appreciate the amount of work that may be involved on the part of the BDC staff in efforts to track down the information called for. He has indicated, however, that any information that may be forthcoming will be of considerable value to CATIDE in the pursuance of investigations of several important security cases involving persons suspected of having been involved in war crimes committed in Poland as members of the operational group under discussion. CASTROF has stressed again that this matter has been assigned a high priority within CATIDE. Accordingly, an early response will be most appreciated.

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4. The only identifiable Munich traces on any of the individuals listed above are the following:

a. VONTRIKEL, Josef - ECMA-43135, dated 1 April 1957 requesting HEC traces; ECMA-41856 dated 29 May 1957 forwarding HEC trace results.

c. WILDMAN, Georg - ECMA-64870 dated 14 July 1964 requesting HEC traces for CATIE; ECMA-8264 dated 21 August 1964 forwarding HEC trace results.

d. SCHMER, Eugen - ECMA-67267 dated 1 October 1965 requesting HEC traces for CATIE.

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